



General Assembly

February Session, 2000

Raised Bill No. 406

LCO No. 1705

Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

An Act Concerning Pain Management.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) Each individual health insurance policy
2 providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4),
3 (10), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,
4 issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state on or
5 after October 1, 2000, shall provide coverage for pain treatment and
6 access to a pain specialist who may use all means necessary to make a
7 diagnosis and develop a treatment plan including the use of necessary
8 medications and procedures. As used in this section, "pain" means a
9 more or less localized sensation of discomfort, distress or agony.

10 (b) No insurer, hospital or medical service corporation, health care
11 center, fraternal benefit society, or other entity may terminate the
12 services of, require additional documentation from, require additional
13 utilization review, reduce payments or otherwise penalize or provide
14 financial disincentives to any attending health care provider on the
15 basis that the provider orders care consistent with the provisions of
16 this section.

17 Sec. 2. (NEW) Each group health insurance policy providing
18 coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (10), (11) and
19 (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered, issued for
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INS Committee Vote: Yea 15 Nay 3 JF